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TITLE: METHOD FOR INFORMING LAYERS OF A PROTOCOL

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Dear Sir:

The following information is being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before receipt of a first Office Action on the above-identified patent application. Thus, a certification under 37 CFR 1.97 (e) or fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (p) is not required for the information herein to be considered.

The above-identified patent application has a corresponding PCT International Application No. PCT/FI00/00090 filed 9 February 2000. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a PCT International Search report issued on the corresponding PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/FI00/00090. The Search Report cited European Patent Application Nos.: EP 0701354 A1; EP 0798904 A2 and PCT International Publication No. WO 97/41674. PCT International Publication No. WO 97/41674 was previously cited on an

Information Disclosure Statement for this application and a copy was provided to the Examiner. As such, a further copy of this reference is not enclosed.

Copies of the PCT International Search Report and the cited references are enclosed together with the PTO-Form 1449.

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